

Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Advisory Council

Department of Liquor Control
13 Green Mountain Drive
Montpelier, Vermont

Wednesday, January 28, 2015
10:00AM – 12:00PM

I. Welcome and introductions:

Welcome:

Welcome everyone

Introductions

Barbara Cimaglio
Marcia LaPlante
Mark Depman
Donna McAllister
Mitch Barron
Steve Waldo
Willa Farrell
Mark Ames
Mark Weikert
Lauren Fisk

Regrets

Todd Bauman
Jennifer Wall-Howard
Chauncey Liese
John Gramuglia
Rebecca Fenn
Lori Augustyniak
Rita Johnson
Patrick Martin
Michael Hogan
Amanda Fulmer
Marcus Hass
Greg Nagurney
Matthew Birmingham

II. Approval of the Minutes: December 3, 2014 approved with the following considerations: No changes needed.

III. ADAP Report Out

AHS Secretary: Hal Cohen is the new Secretary for the Agency of Human Services.

ADAP Division Director Search: The position has been reposted and will close mid-February. ADAP will invite partners to be part of phase 2 of the hiring process.

Budget: ADAP - The Governor wants to continue to have a high focus on opiate and addiction issues. There is growth in the ADAP budget, primarily in caseload, as well as beginning a new site in Bennington that will be an intensive clinic that focuses on medication assisted treatment. ADAP is exploring whether or not it is feasible to make this site a Hub. The Governor proposed a 2.5% rate increase for all Medicaid providers. This increase is dependent on payroll tax. This would affect the ADAP Clinical providers. For ADAP, the one budget reduction is the DOC reentry program; ADAP had been funding 4 designated agencies to do prisoner reentry programs since 2008; this began when the legislature was doing justice reinvestment work. Since then, DOC has developed a more complex reentry program so the support for these 4 locations has been eliminated in the budget. These were \$50,000 grants and the amount would be discontinued.

VDH - There is a small reduction (\$45,000) in the Tobacco program. There has also been an elimination of the CHAMPPS grants which were for community organizations to promote physical fitness and nutrition. A lot of the coalitions that received the CHAMPPS grants also receive tobacco and alcohol and drug grants.

AHS – There is a reduction in the Vermont Tobacco Evaluation Review Board. The current staffing would be eliminated.

Legislation – H20 - Third time this bill has been introduced. This bill proposes to allow Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors to bill for Medicaid. H45 – This bill proposes that the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System would require OTP's (HUBS) to report medications dispensed into VPMS. S42 – This bill is the infrastructure/language around the Substance Abuse Programs. There is also some language around councils.

ADAP has been working on several legislative reports which will be posted on the legislative site - <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/reports/allreports.cfm>

IV. Member Updates/Announcements

Marcia LaPlante

- This week is National Drug Facts week (January 25-31). – National Drug Facts week was announced through the Health and Learning newsletter that is sent to the Health Educator in schools as well as through the District Offices. <http://teens.drugabuse.gov/national-drug-facts-week>
- Today is Prevention Day at the Statehouse (January 28). The Above the Influence Team from Windsor, VT is leading the devotional.
- After the Governor's budget address ADAP sent communication to all schools through newsletter. This communication was regarding the school grants to the 21 supervisory unions that ADAP oversees for School Based Substance Abuse Services. This is level funded in the Governor's budget. This was previously framed as a 3 year program of a changed model. Evaluation of that approach won't be available until next fall.
- The School Health Profile is a survey of principals and health educators about what schools are doing. There have been substance abuse questions added to this survey.
- SAMSHA is offering states that are at their last year of the Partnership for Success grant the opportunity to apply for the PFS II. This is a 5 year opportunity. SAMSHA took a needs assessment approach to this grant. 2 states in the country were identified as being eligible to apply for the largest award which is \$2.5 Million per year. Those 2 states are VT and NH. VADAAC is the advisory council of record on this grant. If there are any concerns, please share with Marcia as soon as possible. Application is due March 16th.

Mark Depman

- A test case is in the works in St. Albans to determine whether or not the drug recognition practice will be effective in VT. – This test case was cancelled due to the accused didn't show up in court and there is now an arrest warrant out.

- SBIRT at CVMC received a two year grant to spread SBIRT into primary care practices. So far approximately 12,000 Vermonters have been screened using SBIRT. UPDATE – This project is now into its second year and continuing to function very highly. The Emergency Department is at the next level of training staff. The ED Techs are doing primary and secondary screenings.

Mark Weikert

- School had a presentation done by a Psychiatrist for all teachers around how to handle kids in crisis. Very well accepted by all teachers.

Donna McAllister

- AOE is developing a Performance Assessment on the legalization of Marijuana to be made available as a sample for high school teachers. AOE is looking for assistance from the council to develop a list of resources that would help students sift through the process.
http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR864.html
<http://www.thecannabist.co/>

Mark Ames

- There is movement to start a new Recovery Center in Newport.

Steve Waldo

- Steve has created his own distribution list on the list serve to communicate DLC information.
- Dabbing – Dabbing is Marijuana concentrate. States are seeing increased use of solid Marijuana. The THC levels are extremely high. Electronic cigarettes are being used by taking out the nicotine and replacing it with Marijuana. Businesses are not allowing electronic cigarettes due to this. Steve is looking into putting together a conference and bringing in an officer from Idaho who is a marijuana expert.

- **Willa Farrell**

- Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program – Working on developing a screening process.

- The AG's office submitted a proposal to Reclaiming Futures which is a national group that has over 40 sites throughout the country and is funded by the Conrad Hilton Foundation. This foundation works to bolster the therapeutic approach of the Juvenile Justice System. In the request for proposal this year, the foundation chose 2 sites where they would pilot SBIRT within the Juvenile Justice System. The AG's office was selected. This is a statewide initiative.

Future Presentations/presenters:

- (6/25) Invite a subject matter expert to present to the council about medication assisted treatment. (John Brooklyn, Stacey Sigmon).
- (7/23) Presentation on restorative justice as it relates to substance abuse.
- (7/23) Bobby Sand, Karen Genette, Monica Hutt - to discuss S295 (Pre-trial services)
- Hannah Rose
- 10/22) Debbie Haskins – Smart VT coalition